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PM/DTCC FOR BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN: NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON STAR

FORCE (NO.050202164)

REF: SECSTATE 121806

Classified By: CDA Susan Sutton for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- 11. (SBU) Per reftel instructions (Blue Lantern Case Number 050202164) on January 5, Post contacted foreign intermediate consignee, Star Force, in connection with subject case. After performing due diligence, nothing derogatory was found regarding company. END SUMMARY.
- $\underline{\mathbb{1}}2$. (C) Regarding the bona fides of Star Force, answers are keyed to questions in ref A, paragraph 5:

(To Star Force)
--When was your company established and who are its
principals?

Star Force was formed in 1994. The sole owner is Konstantin Majorov.

--What products and services does your company provide? Who are your regular customers and where do they reside?

Star Force specializes in hunting rifles, ammunition, and gear from the U.S., as well as Germany, Belgium, and Italy, among others. Star Force sells weaponry and accourrements to retail hunting stores.

--What are your annual sales of U.S.-origin firearms?

The company imports, on average, $100\ \text{rifles}$ per year, plus ammunition, from the U.S in approximately two shipments.

--Do you sell firearms to customers that reside outside Bulgaria? If so, who are these customers and where do they reside?

Star Force does not export anything outside of Bulgaria.

--Are you familiar with the regulations governing the import of U.S.-origin defense articles, including restrictions on unauthorized re-transfer or re-export?

Star Force is well aware of U.S. regulations.

(To Ivelina Bahchevanova, Ministry of Energy, International Controlled Trade and Security Directorate)
--Is Star Force properly authorized to import and sell defense articles in Bulgaria?

Yes.

--Do you have any information on Star Force that would call into question their reliability as a recipient of U.S. defense articles?

No. SUTTON